work."

Young Inventor Busy.

"Mr. Shod," said the younger man,

The elder then looked squarely at

I want a two weeks' leave of absence.'

he brought his fist down on the desk

crazy. Haven't you read the bulletins?

wardly abashed; but he persisted,

Daring Plan Explained.

lost his awkwardness and became alert.

Shod contemplated him silently for

"You have a chance. It is too great

several moments. Then he said:

nevertheless, urging great necessity.

In the early morning the crowds of the room. He did not look up until which spent most of the night at the bulletin-board were gathering again. At no time had the place been entire- sidewise inquiringly. ly deserted. Several men had never been out of eyeshot of the bulletins. One of them, a shock-headed youth in overalls and wearing the cap of a government electrician, sat on the stone curbing by the entrance to the him but did not reply, merely brushing power station, smoking a small black back his hair in an abstracted, prepipe, seemingly more occupied with occupied manner. The young man, meditation than observation. his petition.

Most of the men who were now gathering about the board, were coal miners on their way to the shafts. Here and there were electricians. The vastness of the power station from which they had come, was no more than suggested from where the crowd stood, the buildas he added sharply:
ings being partially hid in a grove of "Atsins, you make me think your ings being partially hid in a grove of

The groups of miners and electricians were almost silent. They seemed to have exhausted comment and surmise, and to be waiting for the tangible Leave of absence! Man, go back to to take place of conjecture.

On the Verge of War.

In Washington the federal news editor apparently had worn out himself and his staff in keeping up a detailed becoming thoroughly angry, "I'll have account of the all-night session of Con- you locked up for attempting desergress. As daylight came, the service tion." wabbled, and what had been a connected, well-sustained story of congressional proceedings had slumped to a series of jerky bulletins of which the last had come a half-hour before, read-

ing:
"Williams still has the floor. He is making no headway against the majority. War seems inevitable."

To the men starting for the shafts this carried no news which they had no known before they had gone away, anger of the older man gave way to a few hours earlier, to get such sleep and rest as they could. While they stood watching, another

bulletin came: "Congress has taken an hour's re-

cess for breakfast. No action." The coal miners in the crowd read this, and then started for work. Soon action by rashness.

In all this unprepared country, no one appreciated so thoroughly the impending danger as did Montrus, the unfortunate commander-in-chief of the small military forces.

Commander in Despair.

He had been dean of the Department of electricity in the national university, when transferred to the military service, having, prior to this been an instructor in one of the national military schools. In appearance he was scholastic, his figure spare and bent, his hair and eyes gray, and his face hin-jowled.

He was alone in his office, looking out of the window across the Potomac -the only inactive figure in the War Department-when one of-his aides en-

waited for an answer without repeating "Curtis had been located," said the aide. "He is at Kiel. We got his sig-"Go back to work," said Shod, finally, seeming to dismiss the request as preposterous. He had started to speak

Another aide came in. calmly, but his manner changed, and

Look here-a message from the chief.

Scouting the Upper Air.

We expect you to run double capacity from the instant war is declared. posted. He must be above them." Atsins became confused and awk-

"Can you reach him?" "We have, but he warns us not to try often. I suppose his position is

A hundred yards farther us the Po-

busied himself with the wires leading off the keyboard on his desk. Atsins tive in the secret service. To this, hesitated an instant, and then suddenly Montus and his aides hastened, being carried directly to the summit by a lift. While the aides adjusted the filmsand reflector of the electro-photographer, Montrus stood at the railing look-

en bars. "I think it is coming," said one of of the aides finally; and the general talking, folded up his print, returned it to his pocket, and stood waiting. stepped over to adjust about his head the hood which shut all light from

revealed in distinct outlines for a moment and then seemed to drop further and further down into the reflector.

White, fleecy clouds came between the eye and the city's roofs, the latter growing less and less distinct. There was a sweep of a dark object of embarkation and arrival. During athwart the clouds. It crossed the entire reflector, blotting it out in black-ness again, but light followed almost instantly. Again nothing but the white clouds, but finally a far-off flock of specks, which came nearer and nearer until they stood out each distinctly and separately, clear-cut in outline and identity. There they stood.

Montrus almost held his breath as he ran his eyes over them. For ten minutes he studied. Then he drew the hood from his head, and looked out

marked at last, quietly, but in great bitterness. "Every one ready. In twenty-four hours from the time those awful fools in Congress declare war, those hundred torpedo ships will be here. Tell Curtis we've seen enough."

and in moodiness took his post by the window again. Nothing he could plan in readiness. Presently one of the farmers of this country should not be aldes came in again.

The man stopped and waited expectantly.

cluded, sullenly.

Young Inventor to the Rescue. The aide went out and came back with the shock-headed electrician who had spent the night before by the bulletin-board. His embarrassment was great, but his earnestness equalled it. The former showed in his awkward posture and twitching fingers; the lat-

Montrus cast one careless and a second interested glance at the plans. In the early history of the nation He drew up a chair and studied them, there had been a much applanded the moodiness giving away to keen ap-maxim: "In time of peace, prepare for preciation. Then he pushed them preciation. Then he pushed them

from their policy of applauding and ignoring this wisdom of one of their said. "Some other time—, if there's earliest statesmen. The nation had anything left of this country, some other time I'll look at them. But not

Death to Distant Fleet.

"But you don't understand," exclaimed Atsins, quickly and vehement- which to stock the cellar of the future ly. "Now's the time, don't you see? Mrs. Longworth. Huge potatoes were That will direct a million volts—two also sent from South Dakota, where if it will do it-don't you see?"

Atsins held himself in check and

"Will the ships at Kiel ever leave their moorings if it works?" he asked, miring farmers.

shanes on the face of the reflector. Then he pressed a series of buttons

"Not a name," said Atsins. "Take this idea," continued Montrus, now.

itself no thought of the inevitable speaking rapidly, "to Sending Station product of incompetence urged into 10, the largest. Let him direct any changes he desires. Tell Susquehanna to give us ten times the usual power from now until notified otherwise."

The men started to obey, and Atsins to follow his guides, when Montrus stepped to him, holding out his hands. "I hope you succeed," he said. "I—I can't fail," stammered the

young man.

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(To be continued.) ACTIVE NORWEGIAN WOMEN.

Occupy Good Positions as Stewards on Coasting Steamers.

Bright young women in Norway find a rational and congenial employment in a vocation which has not been invaded by their sex in this country. The many steamers that plow the Norwegian fjords and Scandinavian estuaries and rivers employ young women to see to the commisarat and to arrange for the personal comfort of travelers on board. Their official designation is that of "auxiliary ship's officer." That their occupation is a pleasant one is proved by the numerous applications at steamboat offices from young Danish, Swedish and Norwegian ladles anxious to secure such positions. This life on the inland lakes and rivers, is stated in fact to be immensely popular with the strong and energetic girls of Northern Europe. That the duties involved necessitate a girl's having a head on her shoulders goes without saying, and many of the applicants are daughters of either naval or professional men, such as lawyers and doctors.

It is the duty of the "auxiliary ship's officer," to ascertain from the purser of the ship how many passengers are booked on the outgoing voyage and to lay in her provisions accordingly, with an eye to ample supplies, at the same time avoiding any risk in the matter of waste. She is further responsible for the tastefully laid table and for such additional house-linen as may be required in the cabins during the voyage. Plate, china and even kitchen utensils are generally her own property, so that she must necessarily possess business ability in her selection and care. Payments are arranged at so much per head and the lady steward nets the profits over and above the actual expenses, and beyond this may depend upon complimentary contributions from the traveler, which being a customary thing, may be offered and ac cepted without offense.

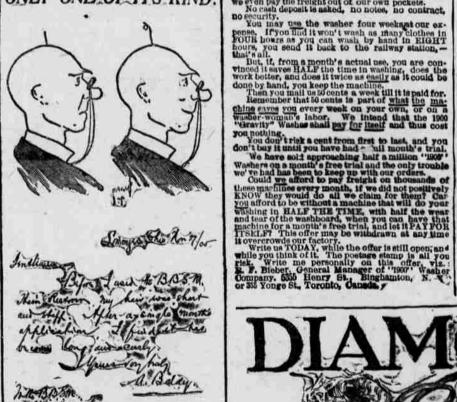
Such an occupation with its selfrespecting independence and its breezy open-air surroundings, is healthful and exhilerating, while the constant stream of passengers and tourists, both old and new, tends to the formation of pleasant acquaintances, at all seasons of travel.

Another post filled by women on board the Norwegian mail steamers is that of "postal official." Two of these young ladies always travel together, their sole duty consisting in carrying the mail bags to and from the points the voyage, the time of these girls is practically their own, and they generally may be seen employing it in producing those much-admired "Hosfilds foernings"-the beautiful Norwegian embroideries to be met with in such rich profusion throughout the Scandinavian lands. These "post ladies," however, never allow their elaborate needle work to jeopardize their official position as government employes; for long before the landing-stage is reached both may be seen cloaked and hatted standing, as it were, at attention. By reason of the precious burdens they bear, they are the first to leave the

Miss Roosevelt's Turnips. The first instalment of wedding gifts

which reached Miss Alice Roosevelt was turnips, the largest known in the art of farming. These mammoth affairs "Colonel Sellers' Fruit", were shipped to Miss Roosevelt by a tiller of the soil could avert the calamity he had seen in Kansas, who said that the proud outdone by the jewelers, and that they have worked hard to produce the best possible growths this winter with

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million volts—accurately, to any distance, at any object. Man, if it works, so large that one potato will feed six persons. Pumpkins came likewise from South Dakota, each large enough to fur. nish pies for the family for one winter. If the Longworth couple do not live on the fat of the land for at least one season, it has not been the fault of the ad-

Hard to Believe. A city man was showing a country

cousin through the Metropolitan Museum. "See that hunch of old Egyptian oins over there, Reub?" he said, pointing it one of the showcases; "well, every one "Just very one of those coins is over three thousand years old." "Quit ver kiddin," retorted the countryman. "Why, it's only 1906

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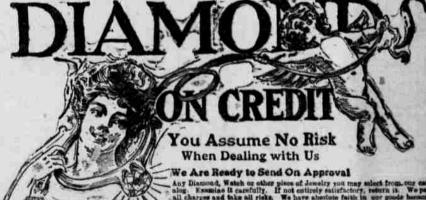
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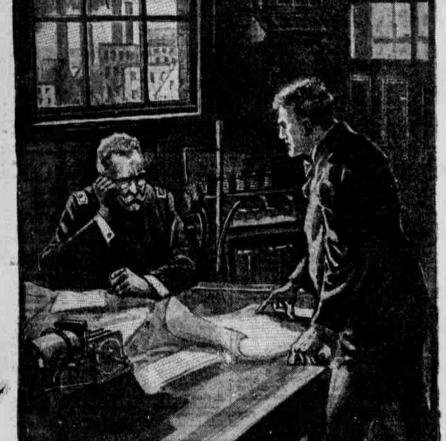
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there were left only a few scattered a chance to lose. It might be our sal-

HE WAS HELD SPELLBOUND BY THE VEHEMENT EXPLANATION.

groups; but the shock-headed electri-fvation. I'll inform the chief." cian still sat on the curb and smoked his black pipe.

Mail by Airship.

A speck developed in the eastern sky and drew nearer, enlarging rapidly. Then the Washington mail came into sight, and landed at the areoplane sta-tion near the entrance to the power station. A mail clerk came down the elevator after the sacks had been thrown into the chute. He was questioned eagerly by the men still standing about the bulletin board, but had nothing of news later than that which the bulletins had given them.

As he stood talking, another message was flashed on the board: Williams says that opposition to the majority will cease. War will be

declared before night." At that the shock-headed youth arose suddenly from the curbstone, walked rapidly through the gates and on into

the grounds of the power station. Vast Central Power Station.

The Susquehanna Coal and Power District, supplying not only Washington, but New York with electricity for all purposes of light, heat, and power, was the largest of the government power areas into which the country was divided. Its coal mines were of the greatest extent, its power station gigantic, and its employees an army. New York with its millions, and Washington with its institutions, secured all power from the wires charged by the dynamos of the Susquehanna District. the '-lief that war for them was next

The shock-headed electrician kept his marked over its doorway, with the serve to destroy this filusion—it was word "Administration." It was surrounded by beds of sweet-peas, which a gardner then was watering. The young man went up the graveled walk ithout looking to right or left, pushed open the door, went the length of the with a declaration. inner hall, turned to the right, and knocked at a closed door.

He was told to enter, and did so,

A middle aged, granhaired, speced on thorough preparation. The natacled man sat at a deal in the center tion in general knew this, but allowed

He reached over toward the keyboard but Atsins put out a restraining hand and held him, shaking his head in vigorous protest.

Well, I guess you are right there, too," the older man said; "do as you think best."

Catches Airship for Capital. Atsins turned away instantly, and again with rapid stride went through the grounds. On looking at his watch, he broke into a run heading for the aeroplane station. By quick sprinting he reached the lift just as it was make ing its last trip up to connect with the fast Washington mail ship. It touched as he came out on the platform, and he was aboard just in time.

H. war." The people had never deviated away. from their policy of applauding and "Yo never lost its complacency-had never succeeded in distillusioning itself. It now. I can't now." imagined itself peaceful, but in reality, it was quickest to resent an injury, fancied or real, surest to raise a popular demand for war, and least prepared to carry it on.

Nation in a Trance With the self-deceiving theory that they were not a militant people, they had continued to delude themselves in to impossible. Their history, a record rapid stride through the grounds until of conflicts made costly because underhe came to a one-story brick building taken without preparation, did not

> Now popular outery was forcing another war. At any moment, Congress, which had been in the throes of debate for three days, might open hostilities

Across the Atlantic, as the military men of the nation knew, a martial peoole were holding themselves in re straint, confident in their ability found-

tered the room.

nal followed by some code which is being transcribed."

"Curtis says he is effectually hidden, and can send electrigraphs if we can "Where is he?" asked Montrus eager

"He says he is out of the path of their scouts, and thinks he is safely

"If you even ask again," cried Shod, precarious at best." "Tell him to send what he can," answered Montrus. "I'll go into the tower to take it."

tomac, stood a gigantic tower, the exact longitude and latitude of which was He wheeled around in his chair, and burned in the memory of every opera-

He bent over his senior, speaking rapidly, energetically, and sharply. He drew from the inner pocket of his blouse a print, spreading it before Shod. The ing out over the peaceful river scene and drumming his fingers on the woodastonishment. He was held spellbound by the younger's vehement ex-planation, until finally Atsins ceased

the eyes looking at the reflector. Looking Across the Ocean.

At first this remained in black and inky darkness. Then came little waves of dim light which rippled across its surface. These ripples became stronger; indistinct shapes, unrecognizable and mystic, seemed to rise out of its depths. They cleared away, and there grew up in their place the forms of a city's roofs and towers, which stood

over the river scene again. "A hundred, I should say," he re-

With that he went back to his office,

"A government electrician is outside," he announced, "and insists on seeing you. We have done everything to get rid of him but throw him off the grounds."

"Tell him-" said Montrus angrily, but stopped. "Let him in," he con-

ter, in the direct look with which he

sought the general's eyes. "Well," exclaimed Montrus, sharply. "I have a concentrator-I want you to look at it-I thought-," he began excitedly, but ended brokenly in the face of a cold stare from Montrus.

"Here it is," he concluded, unfolding the prints.

Montrus stared at the shock-headed boy in a daze.

leaned forward. drawing in his breath sharply. The two men looked at each other, and, as Montrus stared, he saw also in his mental vision those hundred dark

on his desk, and men entered from different doors. "Take this young man, Mr. - ?"